

House File 560 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HF 199)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to expenditures of moneys from the E911
- 2 emergency communications fund.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, Code 2015, is
2 amended by adding the following new paragraphs:

3 NEW PARAGRAPH. *0b.* The program manager shall reimburse
4 the provider, on a calendar quarterly basis, for actual annual
5 lease costs associated with the operation of a statewide
6 land mobile radio communications system that interfaces with
7 the Iowa interoperability radio platform. The department
8 of transportation shall annually reimburse the program
9 manager up to two million dollars, which shall be returned
10 to the fund, for the program manager's reimbursement to
11 the provider of actual annual lease costs pursuant to this
12 paragraph. The department of administrative services shall
13 select the provider in accordance with section 8A.311. All
14 public safety answering points may access the statewide
15 land mobile radio communications system with no additional
16 charge to the individual public safety answering point. The
17 Iowa radio interoperability platform shall be under the
18 joint purview of the department of public safety and the
19 department of transportation. The departments shall jointly
20 submit a biannual report to the Iowa statewide interoperable
21 communications systems board beginning July 1, 2016.

22 NEW PARAGRAPH. *00b.* (1) The program manager shall allocate
23 to each joint E911 service board and to the department of
24 public safety a minimum of one thousand dollars per calendar
25 quarter for each public safety answering point within the
26 service area of the department of public safety or joint E911
27 service board that has submitted an annual written request to
28 the program manager in a form approved by the program manager
29 by May 15 of each year.

30 (2) The amount allocated under this paragraph "*00b*" shall be
31 fifty-three percent of the total amount of surcharge generated
32 per calendar quarter allocated as follows:

33 (a) Sixty-five percent of the total dollars available for
34 allocation shall be allocated in proportion to the square miles
35 of the service area to the total square miles in this state.

1 (b) Thirty-five percent of the total dollars available for
2 allocation shall be allocated in proportion to the wireless
3 E911 calls taken at the public safety answering point in
4 the service area to the total number of wireless E911 calls
5 originating in this state.

6 (c) Notwithstanding subparagraph divisions (a) and (b), the
7 minimum amount allocated to each joint E911 service board and
8 to the department of public safety shall be no less than one
9 thousand dollars for each public safety answering point within
10 the service area of the department of public safety or joint
11 E911 service board.

12 (3) The funds allocated in this paragraph "00b" shall be
13 used for communication equipment utilized for the receipt and
14 disposition of 911 calls.

15 Sec. 2. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph e, Code
16 2015, is amended by striking the paragraph.

17 Sec. 3. Section 34A.7A, subsection 2, paragraph f, Code
18 2015, is amended to read as follows:

19 f. If moneys remain in the fund after fully paying all
20 obligations under paragraphs "a", "0b", "00b", "b", "c", and
21 "d", and ~~"e"~~, the remainder may be accumulated in the fund
22 as a carryover operating surplus. ~~This~~ The program manager,
23 in consultation with the E911 communications council, shall
24 allocate an amount, not to exceed one hundred thousand
25 dollars per fiscal year, for development of public awareness
26 and educational programs related to the use of 911 by the
27 public, educational programs for personnel responsible for the
28 maintenance, operation, and upgrading of local E911 systems,
29 and the expenses of members of the E911 communications council
30 for travel, monthly meetings, and training. The remaining
31 surplus shall be used to fund future network and public safety
32 answering point improvements for the receipt and disposition
33 of 911 calls, including hardware and software for an internet
34 protocol-enabled next generation network, and wireless
35 carriers' transport costs related to wireless E911 services, if

1 those costs are not otherwise recovered by wireless carriers
2 through customer billing or other sources and approved by the
3 program manager in consultation with the E911 communications
4 council. Notwithstanding section 8.33, any moneys remaining
5 in the fund at the end of each fiscal year shall not revert to
6 the general fund of the state but shall remain available for
7 the purposes of the fund.

8 EXPLANATION

9 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
10 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

11 This bill relates to the expenditure of moneys in the
12 E911 emergency communications fund. The bill adds a new
13 expenditure to the list of expenditures of the E911 emergency
14 communications fund. The new expenditure is prioritized after
15 the amount appropriated to the director of the department of
16 homeland security and emergency management and program manager
17 for implementation, support, and maintenance of the functions
18 of the director and the program manager. The bill requires
19 the program manager to reimburse the provider, from the E911
20 emergency communications fund, on a calendar quarterly basis,
21 the actual annual lease costs associated with the operation
22 of a statewide land mobile radio communications system that
23 interfaces with the Iowa interoperability radio platform.
24 The bill requires the department of transportation to
25 reimburse the program manager up to \$2 million, which would be
26 returned to the E911 emergency communications fund, for lease
27 costs. The bill provides that all public safety answering
28 points may use the system at no additional charge. The Iowa
29 radio interoperability platform is under the joint purview
30 of the department of public safety and the department of
31 transportation. The bill requires the departments to jointly
32 submit a biannual report to the Iowa statewide interoperable
33 communications system board beginning July 1, 2016.

34 The bill reprioritizes the expenditures from the fund by
35 moving the allocations to the joint E911 service board and

1 to the department of public safety from fifth in the list of
2 priority to third in the list of priority after the amount used
3 to reimburse the provider for annual lease costs associated
4 with the operation of the statewide land mobile radio
5 communications system. The bill also increases the percentage
6 allocated from the total amount of surcharge generated per
7 calendar quarter from 46 percent to 53 percent. The bill adds
8 that from any surplus in the E911 emergency communications
9 fund remaining after payment of the priorities, the E911
10 program manager, in consultation with the E911 communications
11 council, shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per
12 fiscal year for development of public awareness and educational
13 programs for the public, for educational programs for personnel
14 responsible for maintenance, operation, and upgrading of
15 E911 systems, and for the expenses of members of the E911
16 communications council for travel, monthly meetings, and
17 training. The bill further requires that the remaining surplus
18 be used to fund future network and public safety answering
19 point improvements that are for the receipt and disposition of
20 911 calls.